CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, the following is claimed:

1.   A method for print scheduling, comprising:

        receiving user input identifying a time for printing a print job; and

        transmitting the print job to a printer at a time corresponding to the time

        identified by the user input.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        receiving user input identifying a date for printing the print job; and

        wherein the print job is transmitted to the printer on a date corresponding

        to the date identified by the user input.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the printer receives the print job at a time

        corresponding to the time identified by the user input and then prints the print job.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the print job comprises at least one of word

        processing data, spreadsheet data, graphical data, and database data.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the printer is one of a laser printer, an ink-jet

        printer, an impact printer, a solid-ink printer, and a multifunction device.

6.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

        receiving user input identifying the printer.

7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of receiving and transmitting are

        implemented via a computer.

8.   A print scheduling system comprising:

an input interface for receiving user input identifying a time for printing a

print job; and

a processor that is programmed to initiate transmission of the print job to a

printer at a time corresponding to the time identified by the user

input.

9.   The print scheduling system of claim 8, wherein the print job comprises at least

one of word processing data, spreadsheet data, graphical data, and database data.

10.   The print scheduling system of claim 8, wherein:

the input interface receives user input identifying a date for printing the

print job; and

the processor is programmed to initiate the transmission of the print job to

a printer on the date for printing the print job.

11.   The print scheduling system of claim 8, wherein the printer receives the print job

at a time corresponding to the time identified by the user input and then prints the

print job.

12.   The print scheduling system of claim 8, wherein the input interface is one of a

serial port, a parallel port, a Small Computer System Interface (SCSI), an infrared

(IR) interface, a radio frequency (RF) interface, and a universal serial bus (USB)

interface.

13.   A print scheduling system comprising:

      means for receiving user input identifying a time for printing a print job;

      and

      means for initiating transmission of the print job to a printer at a time

      corresponding to the time identified by the user input.

14.   The print scheduling system of claim 13, wherein the means for receiving is one

of a serial port, a parallel port, a Small Computer System Interface (SCSI), an

infrared (IR) interface, a radio frequency (RF) interface, and a universal serial bus

(USB) interface.

15.   The print scheduling system of claim 13, wherein the means for initiating

transmission is a digital data processor.

16.   The print scheduling system of claim 13, wherein the print scheduling system

includes a computer.

17.   A computer readable medium having stored thereon logic comprising:

determination logic for determining if a current time corresponds to a

user-determined time for printing a print job; and

initiation logic for initiating the transmission of the print job to a printer in

response to the determination logic determining that the current

time corresponds to the user-determined time.

18.   The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the print job comprises at

least one of word processing data, spreadsheet data, graphical data, and database

data.

19.   The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the computer readable

medium comprises volatile memory.

20.   The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the computer readable

medium comprises non-volatile memory.